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December 2005 milk production totaled 694 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2 percent from the 679 million pounds produced in December 2004, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised November milk output was 648 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,560 pounds in December 2005, up 85 pounds from last December. The revised November rate was 1,440 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during December 2005 was 445,000 head, down 5,000 head from November, and down 15,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for all 12 months of 2005 was 8.20 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during December 2005 totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4 percent from December 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised November production for the 23 states was 13.0 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,665 pounds during December 2005, up 55 pounds from December 2004. Revised November output per cow was 1,590 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during December averaged 8.16 million head, up 67,000 head from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for all 12 months of 2005 was 161 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Dec 2004	Nov 2005 Rev.	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005 Rev.	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005 Rev.	Dec 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,741	1,770	1,770	1,775	1,725	1,795	3,090	3,053	3,177	103
ID	435	471	472	1,800	1,790	1,840	783	843	868	111
MN	460	450	445	1,475	1,440	1,560	679	648	694	102
NY	650	648	649	1,485	1,485	1,545	965	962	1,003	104
PA	565	556	557	1,490	1,500	1,580	842	834	880	105
WI	1,236	1,238	1,239	1,490	1,485	1,555	1,842	1,838	1,927	105
23 States	8,097	8,160	8,164	1,610	1,590	1,665	13,037	12,974	13,592	104